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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L NATO 06756

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, NATO, BE

SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR BELGIAN HAWK IMPROVEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 156199 (DTG 061525Z JUL 77), (B) NATO 6165
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1. THE AMBASSADOR CALLED ON SYG LUNS ON JULY 12 TO EXPRESS
US CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE BELGIAN DECISION TO WITHDRAW
FROM THE HAWK AIR DEFENSE BELT IN 1978. SYG LUNS SAID HE
FULLY SHARED US CONCERNS AND AGREED TO CONSIDER PREPARING
A NEW PAPER FOR DPC CONSIDERATION WHICH WOULD SUGGEST
ALTERNATIVE HAWK BATTERY CONFIGURATIONS AND OPERATING
COSTS INSTEAD OF THE OPTION PAPER PREPARED BY THE AD HOC
GROUP OF BELGIAN, INTERNATIONAL STAFF, AND SHAPE EXPERTS.

2. LUNS MENTIONED THAT HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO REACH BELGIAN
DEFENSE MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS TO URGE A QUICK DECISION
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TO MAINTAIN BELGIAN PARTICIPATION IN HAWK SYSTEM, BUT THAT
VANDEN BOEYNANTS WAS STILL OUT OF TOWN. BENNETT UNQUOTE VANCE

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